

Alturas Indian Rancheria Tribal Environmental Department  
March 2014 Report  
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Work Plan Commitment 1.1 (Complete)

- Tribal Environmental Director (TED) hired by Business Committee. 10/13
- Office set up in the existing tribal office building. 10/13
- Developed FY 14-15 GAP proposal. 12/13

Work Plan Commitment 1.2

- Attended General Assistance Program Workshop. Certificate awarded. 11/13
- Attended GAAP seminar conducted by casinos accounting firm (no charge to budget except mileage). 11/13
- Attended RTOC/Region 9 meeting. 1/14
- Applied to Colorado University online program "Community Sustainability Management" to learn green technologies to provide guidance to Tribes future development plans.

Work Plan Commitment 1.3

- Reviewed budget and reporting requirements with accountant and Tribal Administrator, reviewed with accounting consultant for new chart of accounts. 11/13
- Received training on Quickbooks; created online account access so I could directly monitor the chart of accounts for Tribal EPA GAP grant expenditures.
- Monthly report submitted to Tribal Council.

Work Plan Commitment 2.1

- Began assessment of environment of tribal lands to develop environmental inventory by reviewing existing tribal and county records of identified environmental hazards. No county records reflect any information. Tribal records consisted of one FONSI certified by the Tribe in 1997 for construction of a casino. 10/13
- Interviewed one tribal member who buried approximately 18 large car parts consisting of engines, transmissions, chassis and some auto-body parts. Tribal member also identified one house that had asbestos shingles was torn down and buried on site. In November, the tribal member will walk the property to identify the approximate locations. 10/13
- Investigated tribal lands with tribal member. Identified locations of four homes that were burned or razed, identified three additional burn/dump sites and two old septic tanks. Placed location on map and began filling out Open Dump Inventory Form. GIS location will be done in January with no-cost assistance from USFS. 11/13
- Requested any documents relating to environmental issues from Northern California BIA. Visited the USFS, NCRS and National Wildlife Refuge offices to see if any documents or records relating to the tribal lands existed – there are none on file. There were no agreements that the Tribe approved the National Wildlife Refuge from cutting off the water to the slough that used to flow through the Rancheria. Also research in local library for any documents relating to environmental conditions on record – there were none on file. 11/13
- GIS mapping of open dump sites rescheduled to 2/5/14 at request of USFS contact. 1/14
- Rough draft of tribal lands map started. 1/14
- GIS mapping of Rancheria complete. No charge to grant. 2/14
- Map still under development. 2/14
- Solid Waste Survey form for open dumps complete 2/14
- Environmental Inventory complete. 2/14
- Map still under development, final map projected for April.

#### Work Plan Commitment 2.2

- Began working on ETEP; meet with Tribal Council to discuss their priorities for future development and utilizing environmental responsible development.
- Received approval for the Tribal Environmental Inventory
- Attended Modoc County Task Force on Drought. Will be reviewing committees work on Tribal Grants and other federal assistance for area tribes.

#### Work Plan Commitment 3.1

- As reflected in Work Plan 2.1 deliverables, sites will be identified in November. 10/13
- Investigated tribal lands with tribal member. Identified locations of four homes that were burned or razed, identified three additional burn/dump sites and two old septic tanks. Placed location on map and began filling out Open Dump Inventory Form. GIS location will be done in January with no-cost assistance from USFS. (This commitment was part of 2.1 as well). 11/13
- Investigated any green technologies, products or procedures in place with the casino – no policy, practices or technologies are used. 11/13.
- Received correspondence from EPA Region 9 personnel on Open Dum Survey Forms. Project officer gave guidance that a need to develop a Soil Testing QAP needed to be developed before testing for contaminates in old dumps. Found one small pile of asbestos shingles next to historic house. 12/13
- Began reading on the requirements for developing an ISWMP. Will get more guidance at January meeting at EPA Region 9. 12/13
- Visited Alturas Disposal and Modoc County Waste Management for available resources. 12/13
- GIS mapping of open dump sites rescheduled to 2/5/14 at request of USFS contact. 1/14
- Met with Michelle Baker and Oral Saulters from EPA Solid Waste Team. They supplied example SWMP from Karuk Tribe and Tribal Solid Waste Evaluation Tool so I could establish baseline of solid waste production on the Rancheria. 1/14
- Solid Waste Form for open dumps complete. 2/14
- Received copies of other tribes Solid Waste Plans for reference.

#### Work plan Commitment 3.3

- Michelle Baker and Oral Saulters supplied a link to Tribal Green Building Codes Development Guidance and the GRID alternatives SASH program. And supplied contact for Hopland Tribal EPA for information on their recycling center. 1/14
- Applied to Colorado University online program “Community Sustainability Management” to learn green technologies to provide guidance to Tribes future development plans.

#### Work Plan Commitment 4.1 and 4.2

- Requested list of insecticides and rodenticides from casino and tribal maintenance. No MSDS or other data is maintained. No record of products used nor any safety or usage data maintained. 12/13
- Requested MSDS from Modoc County and National Wildlife Refuge on mosquito spraying program and any other hazardous insecticides, pesticides or rodenticides used. Visited surrounding ranches and farms for information on their products used. 12/13
- Met with Marcy Katzin, EPA Specialist in Pesticide Program. She will be supplying follow up technical assistance on Integrated Pest Management and assistance with Pesticide Ordinance development. 1/14
- Received list of pesticides used at casino and tribe; received list from National Wildlife Refuge and Modoc County, shared list with Marcy Katzin for technical advice on the nature of pesticides

used. Researched the pesticides. Investigated casino and tribal usage of pesticides – no procedures in place. 2/14

- Requested to be on Modoc County Agricultural Department ad hoc Committee on Pesticide usage.

#### Work Plan Commitment 4.3

- Identified one existing ordinance: “ALTURAS INDIAN RANCHERIA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ORDINANCE” (attached as exhibit) that was written to meet the minimum requirements for the Tribal-State compact for conducting gaming. 10/13

#### Budget Expenditures

October Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%).

Total expenditures: \$5,040. (This was paid in arrears due to delay in GAP funding still not credited to the tribal ASAP account as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.) 10/13

November Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%)

Laptop for TED: \$328.18

Laptop case: 96.74

Travel for EPA GAP training: \$957.52

Travel for GAAP seminar: \$71.19

November expenditures: \$6,493.63

YTD: \$11,533.63

December Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%).

December expenditures: \$5,040

YTD: \$16,573.63

January Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%).

Region 9 ROTC/EPA meeting: \$1,000.00

Office supplies and copies: \$32.79

Mobile hotspot equipment: \$117.23

Monthly cell access hotspot: \$31.13

January expenditures: \$6,221.15

YTD: \$22,794.78

February Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%)

Monthly cell access hotspot: \$31.13

February expenditures: \$5,071.13

YTD: \$27,865.91

March Salary and benefits: \$4,200 base salary + \$840 fringe (20%)

Monthly cell access hotspot: \$31.13

March expenditures: \$5,071.23

YTD: \$32,9370.14